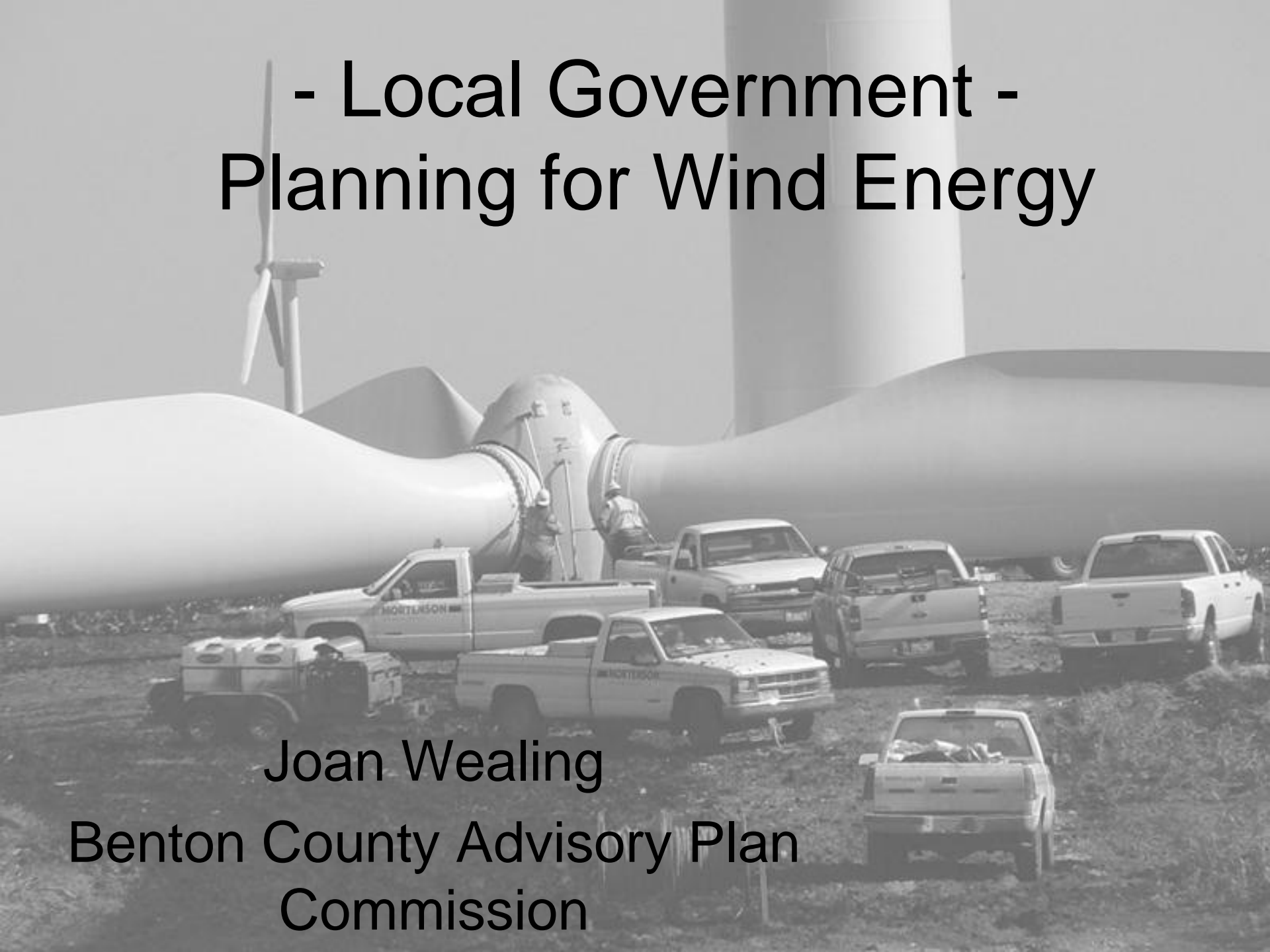


# - Local Government - Planning for Wind Energy



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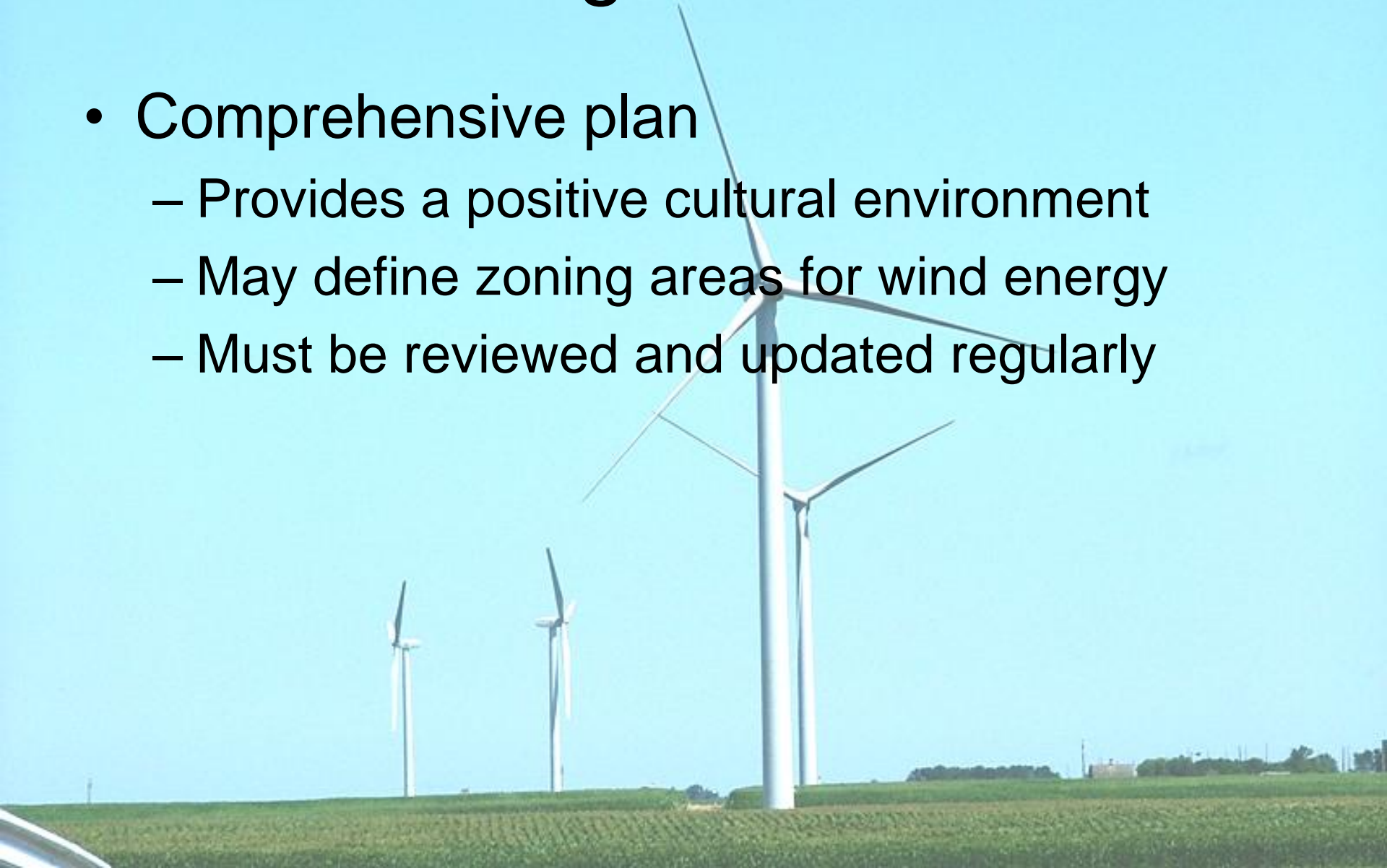
# The Perfect Wind Storm

- Resource – Wind quality
- Sparse population
- Power transmission available
- Developer interest
- Culture open to development



# Planning for Success

- Comprehensive plan
  - Provides a positive cultural environment
  - May define zoning areas for wind energy
  - Must be reviewed and updated regularly



# County Ordinances

- Provide for public safety, health, and welfare
  - Positive and cooperative
    - Permitting
    - Fee structures



# Ordinance Considerations

- Provide for –
  - Setbacks
  - Transportation
  - Drainage
  - Standard payment contracts
  - Infrastructure requirements
  - Noise standards
  - Decommissioning

